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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE US VISIT BY GERMAN VIET- NAM POWS

1. IN RECOGNITION OF THE ASSISTANCE AND BRAVERY SHOWN BY THE TWO GERMANS MONICA SCHWINN AND BERNHARD DIEHL DURING THEIR CAPTIVITY WITH AMERICAN POWS IN VIET- NAM THE SECRETARY WISHES TO SHOW IN AN IMPRESSIVE WAY AMERICAN APPRECIATION. SINCE THE FORTHCOMING BRANDT VISIT COULD AFFORD AN OCCASION TO DO THIS THE GERMAN EMBASSY (MINISTER NOEBEL) WAS INFORMED APRIL 25 THAT THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER INCLUDING THEM IN THE CHANCELLOR'S PARTY. IF THIS WERE DONE THEY WOULD BE HONORED DURING THE VISIT AND COULD IN ALL LIKELIHOOD BE INCLUDED IN AN OFFICIAL FUNCTION SUCH AS THE PRESIDENT'S DINNER.

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2. MINISTER NOEBEL WAS ALSO INFORMED THAT ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WOULD BE TO INCLUDE THE TWO GERMANS IN THE PARTY WHICH THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE GIVING FOR AMERICAN POWS ON MAY 24. WE WOULD BE GLAD TO WELCOME THEM HERE FOR THAT OCCASION AND WOULD PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION IF THAT WERE NEEDED.

3. MINISTER NOEBEL EXPRESSED MUCH APPRECIATION FOR THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSALS AND SAID HE WOULD TRANSMIT THEM

TO BONN IMMEDIAT ALLEGATION THAT COPPER PRICE HAS SOMEHOW FALLEN 50 PERCENT SINCE 1970 IS TOTALLY WITHOUT FOUNDATION IN FACT THE AVERAGE US DOMESTIC PRODUCER PRICE IN 1970 FOR ELECTROLYTIC WIREBAR COPPER WAS 58.07 CENTS PER POUND; TODAY THAT PRICE IS 60 CENTS PER POUND. TO LINK NON- EXISTENT FALL OF COPPER PRICE TO NON- EXISTENT COPPER DISPOSALS SMACKS OF DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO MISLEAD WORLD OPINION. ROGERS

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